

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph

[0016] As shown in FIG. 1, one embodiment of the battery bolt of the present invention is generally designated as reference numeral 10. The battery bolt 10 contains a head portion 12, a washer portion 14, a non-threaded portion 16, a sealing portion 18 and a threaded portion 20. Preferably head portion 12 is a polygon having six sides (i.e., a hex head), however those with skill in the art will recognize that a multitude of head geometries can be used, such as polygons having three, four, five, seven or more sides, allen heads, torx heads, etc. It is preferred that the head portion 12 have a height of 0.114 inches. Other head dimensions within practical manufacturing limits are also contemplated within the scope of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] As noted above, the battery terminal bolt 10 is designed for use in batteries where a bolt must be insert molded into a lead subassembly. However, the bolt of the present invention can be used for other purposes and is not limited to insert molding applications. In order to insert mold the bolt into a subassembly, the head portion 12, washer portion 14, non-threaded portion 16, and a portion of the sealing portion 18 of the battery bolt 10 are enclosed within a mold cavity 22, as shown in FIG. 3. As can be seen, this arrangement leaves the threaded portion 20 and part of the sealing surface-portion 18 outside of the mold cavity 22 and in a non-cavity portion of the mold 23. Subsequently, lead 24 is injected into the mold cavity 22 to form a lead subassembly for a battery, with the sealing portion 18 contacting a planar surface 25 of the subassembly. The sealing portion 18 provides a uniform surface that substantially seals the mold cavity 22 and substantially prevents lead from escaping the mold onto the threaded portion 20 of

the bolt 10. To provide an even tighter seal, the seat portion of the mold 23, which mates with the sealing portion 18, may have a slightly tapered portions 26 that is intended to mate with the battery bolt's tapered sealing portion, as shown in FIG. 3.